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The Honorable Henry A. Waxman
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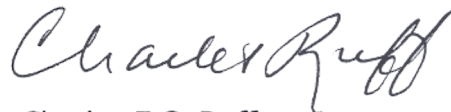
Dear Congressman Waxman:

This is in response to your letter of July 13 concerning the interview conducted by staff of the Committee on Government Reform on April 6, 2000.

Your understanding that I consented voluntarily to that interview and to its recording and transcription is correct. The first pages of the transcript of the interview contain a description of the circumstances under which the interview was to be conducted. I was given a copy of the transcript to review and submitted a number of corrections, retaining a copy for my files. Nothing in the course of the interview -- or in any other discussion with Committee staff -- suggested that there were any constraints on my use of the transcript.

I trust that this is responsive to your inquiry, but if you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Charles F.C. Ruff